ACTS AND LAWS,

MADE and paſſed by the General Court or Aſſembly of His Majeſty's Engliſh Colony of CONNECTICUT, in NEW-ENGLAND, in AMERICA: Holden at *Hartford*, in ſaid Colony, by Adjournment, on the ſecond Wedneſday of *January*, in the Fourteenth Year of the Reign of Our Sovereign Lord *GEORGE* the Third, King of GREAT-BRITAIN, *&c.* Annoq. Dom. 1774.

AN ACT in Explanation or Addition of an Act, entituled, *An Act in addition to, and alteration of one Act of this Colony, entituled, an Act for directing and regulating the levying and ſerving Executions.*

WHEREAS it is provided in ſaid Act laſt made, that whenſoever any Execution ſhall be levied on Lands, the ſame ſhall be apprized by three indifferent Freeholders of the ſame Town where ſuch Lands lye, &c. And whereas Doubts and Diſputes have ariſen and may ariſe, Whether any Execution, when the ſame is in favour of the Town where ſuch Lands lye, can be proceeded with, agreeable to the Directions of ſaid Act? Preamble.

Which for the future to prevent:

Land taken by Execution in favour of any Town, to be apprized by Freeholders of the next Town

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That when Execution in favour of any Town, shall be levied on any Lands, three Freeholders of such Town where such Lands lye, shall not be deemed indifferent Freeholders, for the Purpose aforesaid, but in such Case the Apprizers shall be Inhabitants and Freeholders of the next adjoining Town.

AN ACT providing for the Payment of the Cost of prosecuting Delinquents.

The Cost of prosecuting Delinquents, how paid.

BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Representatives, in General Court assembled, and by the Authority of the same, That the Cost of prosecuting Delinquents, on Indictment or Information made by the King's Officers, when such Delinquents have no Estate to pay the same, shall be paid out of the Treasury into which the Fines, Forfeitures, or Penalties adjudged against such Delinquents on Conviction, are by Law to be paid, and belong; and the Cost already incurred on such Convictions, shall in like Manner be paid out of such Treasury, into which the Fines or Forfeitures are by Law to be paid, as is before in this Act provided for the Payment of Cost which may hereafter arise.

AN ACT in Addition to, and Alteration of an Act, entituled, *An Act for raising a certain Sum to be appropriated to the erecting and maintaining a Light-House near the Port of* New-London, *and for laying a Tax on Shipping for the Support thereof.*

Preamble.

WHEREAS by said Act it is enacted, That all Vessels entering and clearing out for any Port or Place more remote than Philadelphia, *in* Pennsylvania, *and* Portsmouth, *in* New-Hampshire, *above twenty Tons, and not more than fifty Tons, the Sum of Four Shillings and Six-pence, lawful*

lawful Money, and for each Veſſel above fifty Tons and not more than one hundred Tons, the Sum of Six Shillings; and ſo in Proportion as they ſhall be larger: And as the Tax aforeſaid is found inſufficient for the Support and Maintenance of the Light-Houſe:

BE it further enacted, That from the firſt Day of *March* next, each Veſſel in Burthen twenty Tons, and not more than fifty Tons, ſhall pay the Sum of Six Shillings, lawful Money, and each Veſſel above fifty Tons, and not more than ſeventy Tons, the Sum of Seven Shillings and Six-pence, and each Veſſel above ſeventy Tons, and not more than ninety Tons, the Sum of Nine Shillings, and each Veſſel more than ninety Tons, and not more than one hundred Tons, Ten Shillings and Six-pence; and ſo in Proportion as they ſhall be larger.

A Tax laid upon Shipping.

And be it further enacted, That all Veſſels not belonging to this Colony, which ſhall enter and clear at the ſaid Port, ſhall be ſubjected to a Tax double what is hereby laid on the Navigation of this Colony; and all Veſſels that ſhall Harbour and Anchor in the Port of *New-London*, ſhall be ſubjected to pay towards the Support of the Light-Houſe, at the ſame Rate as the Veſſels belonging to this Colony pay when they clear out. Which Tax becoming due as aforeſaid, ſhall from Time to Time be paid to, and collected by the Naval-Officers of the Ports where any ſuch Veſſel ſhall be cleared out, deducting for their Fees as they are allowed for collecting other Duties.

How paid,

And the Naval-Officer of the Port of *New-Haven*, is hereby directed to forward the Tax he ſhall collect, quarterly, to the Naval-Officer of the Port of *New-London*, for the Convenience and ſpeedy Accommodation of the Light-Houſe; which is to be by him appropriated to the Uſe aforeſaid; any Law, Uſage, or Cuſtom to the contrary notwithſtanding.

and appropriated.

An Act in Addition to, and Alteration of an Act, entituled, *An Act for ordering, reſtraining, and preſerving Sheep.*

Preamble. *WHEREAS it is practiſed in ſome of the Towns in this Colony, by ſome particular Inhabitants, to turn large Flocks of Sheep on the Highways, with a Keeper, and thereby eat up and deſtroy the Herbage therein, to the great Detriment of the poor Inhabitants of ſuch Towns:*

Which to prevent:

No Perſon to turn a flock of more than 50 Sheep on the common with a Keeper. *BE it enacted by the Governor, Council, and Repreſentatives, in General Court aſſembled, and by the Authority of the ſame,* That no particular Perſon in any Town in this Colony, ſhall for the future, turn any Flock of Sheep on the Highways with a Keeper, of more than Fifty, to eat up and conſume the Herbage therein, without Liberty firſt had and obtained from ſuch Town, or the Proprietors thereof; on Pain that every Offender ſhall forfeit and pay the Sum of *Twenty Shillings*, for every ſuch Offence, to him or them who will ſue for, and proſecute the ſame to effect.

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